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PROPOSED NR 746 RULE LANGUAGE ON WEB

The Departments of Commerce and Natural Resources have completed the proposed final NR 746 rule, with accompanying revisions to NR 700, 716, 720, 722 and 726. NR 746 contains methodology for determining risk to public health, safety, and welfare and to the environment posed by discharges from petroleum tanks. The Natural Resources Board (NRB) is being asked to adopt the final rule at their September 26-27 meeting. The existing emergency rule (with the Department of Commerce counterpart, Comm 46) will remain in effect until the proposed permanent rule is promulgated, likely in early 2001. The proposed permanent rule has been revised in response to public comments that were received in June and July of this year. Some of the revisions to the existing emergency rule that are incorporated into the proposed permanent rule include:

- Improved readability. The rule has undergone some reorganization and rewriting to improve clarity.
- Deletion of Appendix A in NR 716. Appendix A specified methods for hydraulic conductivity testing.
- Clarification of whom responsible persons must notify when contamination is discovered in right-of-ways. Additional rule language that will be proposed to the Natural Resources Board in October accompanies the rule package. This language clarifies the requirements to notify neighboring property owners after contamination is found on their property. The "Green Sheet Package" has been posted on the Remediation & Redevelopment web site at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/index.htm>. The green sheet includes rule language, the background memo, a summary of public comments and responses, and proposed changes to NR 714, Public Information & Participation.

NEW TEAM SUPERVISOR IN NORTHERN REGION

John Robinson has joined DNR's Remediation and Redevelopment Program as the team supervisor in our Northern Region, effective today. John's telephone number at the Rhinelander Service Center is (715) 365-8976.

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